

S-143
Lower Fairmount
Near Upper Fairmount
Multiple Residents

c. 1860-1920

Lower Fairmount is a mid to late 19th-century watermen's community situated on the low-lying, poorly-drained soil of the western portion of the Fairmount peninsula. Several side streets extend from MD 361 at right angles for additional lot development back from the main road. The two-story frame houses stand on generous lots and in one instance form a planned row. The community boundaries are not well defined and extend from the Fairmount Academy along MD 361 for approximately one mile. House types vary slightly with two-story and two or three bay center hall structures with or without center cross gables. Every house is of frame construction. The two non-domestic buildings include two stores in the central portion of the community.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lower Fairmount (See S-144, S-145, S-146, S-147)

and/or common Lower Fairmount Survey District

2. Location

street & number MD 361 West of Upper Fairmount (Fairmount-Rumbley Rd.) not for publication

city, town Upper Fairmount ☒ vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Various owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Lower Fairmount is a group of dispersed mid to late 19th-century houses located along Maryland Route 361 west of Upper Fairmount. Several side streets extend from Maryland 361 at right angles for additional lot development back from the main road. The houses stand on generous lots and in only one instance form an obviously planned row. The community boundaries are not well defined and extend from the Fairmount Academy (S-108) along Maryland 361 for approximately one mile. The concentration of houses is located near the Lower Hill Road and not far from an extinct community known as Landonville.

House types vary slightly with two-story two or three bay center hall structures with or without center cross-gables. A few are distinguished by bracketed eaves and turned post porches (see S-145). The smallest house type is a two-story, two-bay frame structure often extended to one end with a shorter one-room plan kitchen wing (S-146). All the houses in Lower Fairmount are frame buildings sheathed with horizontal weatherboards and covered with medium to steeply pitched roofs. Narrow brick stove stacks pierce most gable ends; however, a few houses have interior chimneys which flank the center hall. One small store building with bracketed eaves, now used as a residence, is located in central Lower Fairmount.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Lower Fairmount is a small mid to late 19th-century watermen's community situated on the low-lying, poorly-drained soil of the western portion of the Fairmount peninsula. Most houses stand on lot size parcels and were evidently built by water-oriented families. Non-domestic structures include two store buildings in the central portion of the community (See S-147).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name MarionQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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House - North Side of Md. 361

Southe Elevation

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